

Minutes for the Optical Networking Technical Committee (ONTC) Meeting  
OFC 2016, Anaheim, CA, USA  
Monday, March 21, 2016  
Room 203B, Anaheim Convention Center, Anaheim, CA, USA

Attendees (33): George Rouskas, Luca Valcarengi, Biswanath Mukherjee, Chan Vincent, Piero Castoldi, Elaine Wong, Lena Wosinska, Carlos Silva, Filip Idzikowski, Jose Juan Pedreno Manresa, Nicola Sambo, Filippo Cugini, George Kanellos, Theoni Alexoudi, Massimo Tornatore, Ann Tzanakaki, Zuqing Zhu, Lu Sun, Jason Jue, Weisheng Xie, Qiong Zhang, Robert Doverspike, Jane Simmons, Aki Kasukawa, Kimio Oguchi, Hiroshi Onaka, Hideo Kuwahara, Wai Pang Ng, Nathan Gomes, Georgios Zervas, Xin Li, Lei Zhang, Anny Zheng

1. The meeting started at 6PM with a light dinner (lunch boxes)
2. Agenda was approved and briefly introduced by George Rouskas
3. ONTC meeting @ GC2015 minutes were approved
4. Reports from OFC 2016, ONDM2016, ICC 2016
  - a. OFC 2016
    - i. All Network Sub-Committees (N1-N4):
      1. Submitted papers: 256
      2. Reviewed papers: 243 (after re-categorization)
      3. Accepted papers: 123 (oral – 96, poster – 27)
    - ii. N3 Sub-Committee
      1. Submitted papers: 79
      2. Accepted papers: 41 (oral – 32, poster – 9)
  - b. ONDM 2016 May 9-12, 2016, Cartagena, Spain
    - i. General chair: Pablo Pavon Marino
    - ii. TPC chairs: Tibor Cinkler, (Budapesti Műszaki és Gazdaságtudományi Egyetem, Hungary), Nina Skorin-Kapov (Centro Universitario de Defensa de San Javier, Spain), Massimo Tornatore (Politecnico di Milano, Italy and University of California, Davis, United States)
    - iii. Submitted papers: 69 (61 regular + 8 invited)
  - c. ICC 2016
    - i. Optical Network and Systems Symposium (ONS)
      1. Chairs: Walter Cerroni (University of Bologna, Italy) and Krishna Sivalingam (IIT Madras, India)
      2. Submitted papers: 108 (59 systems --- 55%, 49 networks --- 45%)
      3. Accepted papers: 43 (39.8%) (18 systems --- 42%, 25 networks --- 58%)
      4. Sessions: 8 (7 regular + 1 interactive)
      5. Comment was raised that some of the TPC members were totally irresponsible
5. Journal updates

- a. OSN 2015 Fabio Neri Best Paper Award
    - i. M. De Andrade, A. Buttibuoni, M. Tornatore, P. Boffi, P. Martelli, A. Pattavina. "Optimization of long-reach TDM/WDM passive optical networks." Vol. 16, pp. 36-45, 2015.
  - b. JOCN SI: "Optical Networking for 5G Mobile and Wireless Communications." Submission deadline: May 31, 2016
  - c. Science China SI: "All-Optical Networks." Submission deadline: April 15-May 31, 2016
6. Conference updates
- a. 21st Optoelectronics and Communications Conference (OECC),/ Photonics in Switching 2016 (PS2016), July 3-7, 2016, Niigata, Japan,
  - b. Advanced Photonics, July 18-20, 2016, The Fairmont Hotel Vancouver, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
  - c. OSA Latin America Optics & Photonics Conference (LAOP), August 22–25, 2016, Ruta N, Medellin, Colombia
  - d. ECOC 2016, Sep. 18-22, 2016, Düsseldorf, Germany
  - e. 5th IEEE International Conference on Cloud Networking (CloudNet), October 3-6, 2016, Pisa, Italy
  - f. Globecom 2016,
    - i. December 4-8, 2016, Washington, DC, USA
    - ii. Maite Brandt-Pierce, University of Virginia, TPC Co-Chair
    - iii. ONS Co-Chairs:
      - 1. Daniel Xu, USTC
      - 2. Suresh Subramaniam, George Washington University
    - iv. Selected Areas in Communications - Access Networks and Systems Chair: Luca Valcarenghi, Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna
  - g. OFC 2017, March 19-23, 2017, Los Angeles, USA
  - h. ICC 2017, May 21-25, 2017, Paris, France
    - i. ONS Co-Chairs:
      - 1. Grzegorz Danilewicz, Poznan University of Technology
      - 2. George Rouskas, NC State
  - i. GC 2017, December 4-8, 2017, Singapore
    - i. ONTC nominated ONS Co-Chair: Gangxian (Steven) Chen, Soochow University
7. Call for Nominations
- a. ONTC Awards – presented annually at GC
    - i. Technical Achievement
    - ii. Outstanding Service
    - iii. Call for nomination upcoming in few months
  - b. ONS Chairs for future GC/ICC (from ICC 2018)
    - i. Comment was raised that young and talented people shall be encouraged to become ONS chairs

- c. Comsoc Distinguished Lecturers
    - i. George R. is chairing of the DL selection committee
    - ii. Two tours per year are needed (2-5 days)
    - iii. Nomination deadline for 2017: September 30, 2016
  - d. IEEE Fellows
    - i. ONTC endorsement is possible
    - ii. Only individual Fellows can give recommendations
    - iii. Comment was raised that motivation for nomination shall be strong to avoid Comsoc rejection
8. Other business
- a. Comment was raised to encourage participation to conferences and TPCs
  - b. Comment was raised that some selected topics can take some papers out of ONS
  - c. Discussion is ongoing with JOCN (proposed by Elaine Wong and supported by Vincent Chan) to have top scored papers from GC and ICC ONS invited for a JOCN special issue (Luca Valcarenghi participated as a guest to the JOCN steering board meeting in Anaheim 2016)
9. Meeting adjourned at 6.50PM.
10. Minutes taken by Luca Valcarenghi.